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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)

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Application No.: 09/625,047)

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For: TEST SOCKET, METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING THE TEST)
SOCKET, TEST METHOD USING)
THE TEST SOCKET, AND)
MEMBER TO BE TESTED)

Group Art Unit: 2829

Examiner: Ernest Karlsen

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 22, 2002

Sir:

This election is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2002 (Paper No. 9). Concurrently filed with this response is a Petition for Extension of Time for one month. In the Office Action, the Examiner identified three distinct inventions. The Examiner required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to elect a single invention for prosecution. The two inventions identified by the Examiner are:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 10-16, drawn to test socket apparatus;
- II: Claims 7, 17 and 18, drawn to method of manufacturing a test contact;
- III: Claims 8 and 19, drawn to method of use of a contact of a test socket.

Pursuant to the Examiner's requirement, the Applicants elect Group I, species of Figure 4, subspecies where the tip has the form as shown in Figure 12. It is understood

claims 7-8 and 17-19 will be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications.

An earlier examination and favorable action on claims 1-6 and 10-16 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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